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1. PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT --

WEO GROUP AGREED THAT US, UK AND FRANCE SHOULD BE GIVEN SEATS FROM THE WEO ALLOCATION ON THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE 1978 SPECIAL GA SESSION ON DISARMAMENT, BUT NO PROGRESS WAS MADE ON FILLING THE REMAINING 10 SEATS, FOR WHICH THERE ARE STILL 15 "FIRM" CANDIDATES. GROUP ACCEPTED CHAIRMAN'S (NORWAY) SUGGESTION THAT A WORKING GROUP BE ESTABLISHED TO DEVELOP A FORMULA FOR DIVIDING THE GROUP INTO SUBGROUPS SO THAT FINAL SELECTION WILL ENSURE EQUITABLE REPRESENTATION OF VARIOUS WESTERN REGIONS AND GROUPINGS. ASIAN GROUP'S CHOICES ARE FIRM, AND AFRICANS AND LATIN AMERICANS REPORTEDLY HAVE DECIDED ON THEIR CHOICES. EASTERN EUROPEAN GROUP IS STILL ARGUING FOR AN INCREASE OF ITS ALLOCATION FROM SIX TO EIGHT SEATS, BUT GA PRESIDENT AMERASINGHE (SRI LANKA) REFUSED ANY CHANGES. EE NOMINEES, TWO OF WHICH WILL PRESUMABLY HAVE TO BE DROPPED, ARE BULGARIA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, GDR, HUNGARY, POLAND, ROMANIA, USSR, AND YUGOSLAVIA. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 58)

2. CONVENTION AGAINST APARTHEID IN SPORTS --

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WESTERN EUROPEAN AND OTHERS GROUP AUTHORIZED ITS CHAIRMAN TO INFORM THE GA PRESIDENT THAT ONLY CANADA IS STANDING FOR MEMBERSHIP IN THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DRAFTING OF AN INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION AGAINST APARTHEID IN SPORTS. CANADIANS MADE CLEAR ONLY REASON THEY WILL SERVE IS BECAUSE THEY DO NOT WISH TO ANTAGONIZE AFRICAN COUNTRIES LEST THEY DECIDE NOT TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMONWEALTH GAMES BEING HELD IN CANADA THIS YEAR. (LIMITED OFFICIAL USE -- USUN 52)

3. WORLD WATER CONFERENCE --

WHILE THE WORLD WATER CONFERENCE PREPARATORY PROCESS HAS TO THIS POINT BEEN RELATIVELY FREE OF POLITICAL DEBATE, A NUMBER OF DELEGATIONS, IN CORRIDORS OR ELSEWHERE, HAVE STAKED OUT CLAIMS TO RAISE LOCALIZED POLITICAL ISSUES. THESE COULD INCLUDE: THE PANAMA CANAL, ARGENTINA-BRAZIL PARANA RIVER DISPUTE, INDIA-BANGLADESH FARRAKA BARRAGE DISPUTE, JORDAN-ISRAEL MAQARIN DAM DISPUTE, IRAQ-SYRIA,

AND GREECE-TURKEY (WATER SITUATION ON CYPRUS). (CONFIDENTIAL --  
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THE COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES, ACTING AS PREPARATORY  
BODY FOR THE UN WATER CONFERENCE, COMPLETED ONE-WEEK  
SESSION JAN. 7, DURING WHICH IT CARRIED OUT FINAL REVIEW  
OF PREPARATIONS FOR THE MAR DEL PLATA CONFERENCE MARCH 14-25.  
DEBATE MOVED SMOOTHLY WITH ABSENCE OF CONTROVERSY, AND  
THE MOOD AT THE CLOSE WAS GENERAL SATISFACTION THAT THE  
COMMITTEE HAD DISCHARGED ITS PREPARATORY RESPONSIBILITIES  
AS WELL AS COULD BE EXPECTED (GIVEN THE TARDINESS OF  
MUCH OF THE DOCUMENTATION), TEMPERED BY CONTINUING  
UNEASINESS AND UNCERTAINTY ABOUT WHAT WILL HAPPEN ON  
POLITICALLY SENSITIVE ISSUES AT THE CONFERENCE. PRINCIPAL  
CONTRIBUTORS TO THE OVERALL DEBATE, IN ADDITION TO THE  
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US, WERE: SWEDEN, UK, FRANCE, USSR, POLAND, YUGOSLAVIA,  
NORWAY, THE NETHERLANDS, CANADA, ARGENTINA AND EGYPT.  
BRAZIL AND BANGLADESH INTERVENED MAINLY TO PURSUE NARROW

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WITH COMMENTARY GENERALLY RESERVED FOR A SINGLE OVERVIEW  
STATEMENT. (USUN 54)

#### 4. POPULATION COMMISSION --

BEGINNING ITS 19TH SESSION JAN. 10, THE COMMISSION ELECTED  
VAN DE KAA (NETHERLANDS) AS CHAIRMAN; MRS. GREWAL (INDIA)  
AND SANTOS (ECUADOR) AS VICE CHAIRMEN; AND JONES (GHANA)  
AS RAPPORTEUR. BEFORE ADOPTING ITS PROVISIONAL AGENDA,  
THE COMMISSION AGREED TO THE ADDITION OF ITEMS ON DEMOGRAPHIC  
PUBLICATIONS OF THE UN AND THE LEONTIEFF REPORT. USYG  
VAN LAETHEM OUTLINED THE DEVELOPMENT OF POPULATION  
POLICIES AND INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION ON THAT QUESTION  
SINCE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE UN. TABAH, DIRECTOR OF  
THE UN POPULATION DIVISION, DESCRIBED VARIOUS ASPECTS  
OF THE TOPICS THE COMMISSION WILL BE DISCUSSING,  
SPECIFICALLY FERTILITY, MORTALITY, EMPLOYMENT AND  
RESOURCES.

#### 5. CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TRANSNATIONALS --

THE 48-MEMBER INTERGOVERNMENTAL WORKING GROUP (WG) ON  
A CODE OF CONDUCT FOR TRANSNATIONAL COPRORATIONS OPENED  
A ONE-WEEK SESSION JAN. 10 TO BEGIN PREPARATION OF AN  
ANNOTATED OUTLINE OF A CODE. NIKLASSON (SWEDEN) WAS ELECTED  
CHAIRMAN. IN OPENING STATEMENT, SAHLGREN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR  
OF UN CENTER ON TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, SAID THE WG'S

TASK WAS "UNIQUE" AND "A COMPLETELY NEW ENDEAVOR." THE RULES WHICH THE WG WOULD PREPARE COULD BECOME AN EFFECTIVE FRAMEWORK FOR THE ACTIVITIES OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, WITH THE GOAL "TO MAXIMIZE THE CONTRIBUTIONS THAT THOSE CORPORATIONS CAN OFFER TO DEVELOPMENT AND TO MINIMIZE THEIR NEGATIVE ACTS; TO REMOVE ASYMMETRIES BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS AND TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS, AND TO INTRODUCE MORE EQUITY IN THE DISTRIBUTION OF BENEFITS." HE SAID THE QUEST FOR A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER HAD GIVEN FURTHER IMPETUS

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TO THE FORMULATION OF A CODE OF CONDUCT, AND THE WG'S EFFORTS MIGHT WELL REPRESENT ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT EFFORTS TO MATERIALIZE SOME OF THE CONCEPTS EXPRESSED IN THE SIXTH SPECIAL GA'S PROGRAM OF ACTION. SAHLGREN POINTED OUT THEY KEY INTERRELATED DECISIONS THE WG WOULD HAVE TO MAKE WERE: 1) WHETHER THE CODE WOULD DEAL SOLELY WITH THE BEHAVIOR OF TRANSNATIONAL CORPORATIONS OR ALSO WITH GOVERNMENTAL POLICIES; 2) WHETHER TO INTRODUCE DETAILED PROVISIONS, MANDATORY FEATURES AND INTERNATIONAL IMPLEMENTATION; 3) WHETHER THE CODE WOULD BE OF A BINDING OR VOLUNTARY NATURE OR SOME MIXTURE OF THOSE QUALITIES; AND 4) THE COMPREHENSIVENESS OF A CODE, BOTH GEOGRAPHIC AND SUBSTANTIVE.

6. NEW UNEF COMMANDER --

SYG WALDHEIM, IN LETTER TO THE SECURITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT, STATED HIS INTENTION, IF THE COUNCIL CONSENTS, TO APPOINT MAJOR-GENERAL RAIS ABIN (INDONESIA) TO SUCCEED LIEUTENANT-GENERAL LIKJESTRAND AS UNEF COMMANDER. (USUN 59)

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